

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] Various seal assemblies exist in the art that are used with rotary shafts in compressors and other operating environments to seal an ~~annual~~ annular space between the shaft and a bore through which the shaft extends. Such seal assemblies are often supplied to end users with the components disassembled. Thus, the end user must reassemble the components piece-by-piece to properly reconstruct and install the seal assembly about the shaft. Such components include, but are not limited to flexible elastomeric seal members with metal carriers, retaining rings, and padded components such as washers.